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1. With reference to Item No. 1 of the Journal of 19 July, Congressman Hosmer made a speech on the Floor inserting quotations from the testimony of Capt. Nikolai Khokhlov before the Jenner Committee and also praising the activities of NTS. I called Congressman Hosmer (who is a member of the Freshman Republican Congressmen who met here with the Director this Spring), and told him that I had read his speech with interest. He expressed great appreciation over my call. I told him that we had enjoyed seeing him here and hoped that the group would meet with us again next year. He said that the meeting here had "opened his eyes" about CIA as well as other members and indicated great support for the Agency.

2. I have informed Mr. Besterman, of the staff of the House Judiciary Committee, that we would like to talk to the Chairman regarding the deletion from H. R. 9580 of the proposed amendment to the Internal Security Act of 1950 regarding the registration of certain persons having training in the intelligence field. Mr. Besterman suggested that we withhold any action with the House members until we see whether the Senate takes any action on the bill at all.

3. Cong. Fulton (R., Pa.), of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, has introduced a bill to increase the salary and allowances to the grade of Chief of Mission, Class 1 of the present chief of the United States Mission to Guatemala as long as he shall continue to occupy such position.

4. Several Bills have been introduced into the Congress dealing with proprietary functions of the Government and the termination of Government commercial and industrial activities in direct competition with activities engaged in by private persons for profit. The House Government Operations Committee has now reported out H. R. 9835, which declares it to be the policy of the Congress that the Government shall engage in business type competitive operations only where it can be demonstrated

that it is necessary for the Government to perform such operations in furtherance of national programs and objectives legally established. The report points out that the Hoover Commission has appointed a task force to study the ways and means to lessen the competition. In view of this Congressional interest in this subject matter and the existence of a special task force to look into it, it may be advisable to suggest that the Clark Task Force give consideration to the CIA activities in this field so that the Hoover Commission will be aware of it and will be able to give us maximum protection in its recommendations on this matter.